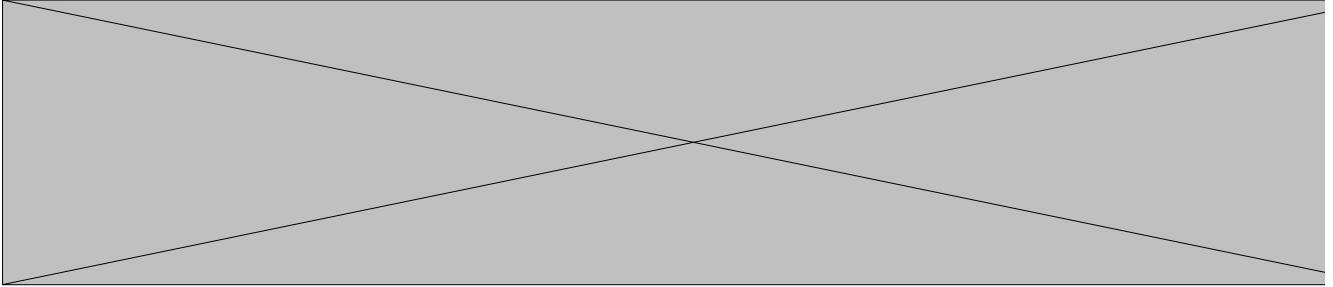


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Part of the core mission of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology is to support and encourage the protection of vertebrate fossils and fossil sites. President Trump has called for review of 21 US National Monuments to determine whether their designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest". Because many of the monuments contain paleontological resources, SVP is an important stakeholder in this consultation.

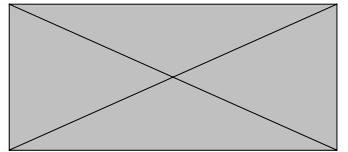
We need help from members to collect information about scientifically important fossils and strata from the following monuments. We are especially interested in (1) full citations to papers that describe fossils from one or more of the monuments; (2) short description of the taxa, age, and importance of fossils there; (3) information about how much of the monument's area is important from a paleontological perspective; and (4) information about ongoing paleontological work at the monuments. Information about any paleontological resources, not just vertebrates, is welcome.

Arizona: Vermilion Cliffs
 California: Berryessa Snow Mountain
 Carrizo Plain; Giant Sequoia; Mojave Trails; San Gabriel Mountains; Sand to Snow; Canyons of the Ancients
 Idaho: Craters of the Moon
 Maine: Katahdin Woods and Waters
 Montana: Upper Missouri River Breaks
 Nevada: Basin and Range, Gold Butte
 New Mexico: Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Rio Grande del Norte
 Oregon: Cascade Siskiyou
 Washington: Hanford Reach
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 Atlantic Ocean: Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
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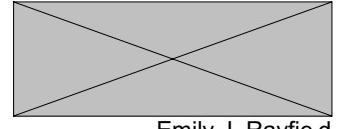
Please send information to Kenshu Shimada (KSHIMADA@depaul.edu) by June 25.

SVP has already commented on **Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments**, which were given a shorter deadline. Both monuments have important and extensive vertebrate bearing beds that cover most areas of the Monuments. Despite SVP's testimony to the scientific importance of the monuments, Secretary Zinke recommended that the area of Bears Ears be decreased. SVP is coordinating with other groups to rebut this finding.

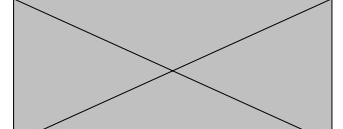
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